

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A headphone apparatus, comprising:

a baffle portion formed to surround a space except a front opening portion of a driver unit, the baffle portion being formed of an air-permeable porous material such that external sound is prevented from being trapped interior to the baffle portion, degrading sound quality.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The headphone apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said baffle portion is approximately cone-shaped.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The headphone apparatus according to claim 11, wherein an opening is made in a back surface of said back housing portion.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The headphone apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said air-permeable porous material comprises an unwoven fabric of chemical fiber.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The headphone apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said air-permeable porous material comprises a cellulose based material.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The headphone apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said driver unit is provided in a bridge portion shaped like an arch forming a bridge to a rim which forms a frame.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The headphone apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the cone shape of said baffle portion is asymmetrical with respect to an axis of the cone.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The headphone apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said unwoven fabric of chemical fiber is combined with a porous material through an air-permeable adhesive layer to stabilize a shape of the fabric.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The headphone apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said cellulose based material is combined with a porous material through an air-permeable adhesive layer to stabilize a shape of the cellulose based material.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The headphone apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a microphone device is attached to said headphone apparatus.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A headphone apparatus, comprising:  
a back housing portion formed to cover a back surface of a driver unit,  
~~wherein the back housing portion [[is]] being formed of an air-permeable porous material such that external sound is prevented from being trapped interior to the back housing portion, degrading sound quality.~~

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The headphone apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the driver unit is provided in a bridge portion shaped like an arch forming a bridge to a rim which forms a frame.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The headphone apparatus according to claim 11, wherein a microphone device is attached to the headphone apparatus.

Claim 14 (New): The headphone apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said air-permeable porous material comprises an unwoven fabric of chemical fiber.

Claim 15 (New): The headphone apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said air-permeable porous material comprises a cellulose based material.

Claim 16 (New): The headphone apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said unwoven fabric of chemical fiber is combined with a porous material through an air-permeable adhesive layer to stabilize a shape of the fabric.

Claim 17 (New): The headphone apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said cellulose based material is combined with a porous material through an air-permeable adhesive layer to stabilize a shape of the cellulose based material.

Claim 18 (New): The headphone apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the back housing portion is an outermost surface of the headphone apparatus.

Claim 19 (New): A headphone apparatus, comprising:  
a driver unit configured to be a loudspeaker; and  
a back housing portion formed to cover a back surface of the driver unit, the back housing portion being formed of an air-permeable porous material, and the back housing portion being an outermost surface of the headphone apparatus.